Growth Rate during Tenth Five year Plan

1008. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "why eight percent growth target is not realistic" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 14th October, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that only the earlier three plans did realize the growth targets;

(c) whether it is also a fact that had all the plans achieved their targets, the national income would have been higher by ten lakh crores;

(d) if so, the reasons for not preparing a realistic plan target; and

(e) how Government propose to achieve the eight percent growth rate target in the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No Sir.

(c) No such information is available with the Planning Commission.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) is yet to be approved by the National Development Council.

Central Aid to States

†1009. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to provide Central aid to the States for implementation of Development and Reform Facility Programmes;

(b) if so, the outlines of the said programmes; and

(c) the amount given/proposed to be given by Government for this purpose, state wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) has been initiated in the current year with the main objectives of addressing the problems of low agricultural productivity, unemployment and to fill critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure. Area specific schemes are to be drawn up by the State Governments who have also been asked to involve Panchayati Raj Institutions. Non-Government Organisations and Self-Help Groups at various stages including plan formation, implementation and monitoring. The scheme has three components; (i) Backward Districts Initiative which is being operated on a pilot basis in the current year covering 25 districts with an allocation of Rs. 15 crore per district; (ii) Special Plan for Bihar; and (iii) Special Plan for the Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput (KBK) Districts of Orissa.

(c) As the Development and Reform Facility is a new initiative which has been introduced in the current year, so far Rs. 50 crore have been released for the Special Plan for the KBK Districts of Orissa. The actual release of funds under the various components of the scheme will depend on factors such as preparation of viable plans, progress of schemes, submission of progress reports, etc.

Growth Rate for Tenth Five Year Plan

†1010. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are apprehensions over the present role of the State Governments in achieving the annual growth rate of eight per cent during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether those States have been identified in which the accomplishment of the above mentioned growth rate target is getting to be very difficult, if so, the names of such States?

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